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SUBJECT: TPJMC: PRG DEL DEPLOYMENT

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1. THE PRG DEL OF THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC) PRESENTED A REQUEST FOR FIELD TRAVEL TO THE GVN DEL ON JUNE 28. COLONEL DUONG HIEU NGHIA, GVN DEL STAFF OFFICER PRESENTED A COPY TO EMBOFF ON JUNE 29. COLONEL NGHIA POINTED OUT THAT THE REQUEST DOES NOT DESCRIBE THE TRAVEL AS "DEPLOYMENT," BUT RATHER AS LIAISON TRIPS TO ARRANGE "THE DEPLOYMENT" OF TEAMS; THE DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS THE FORMULA DESCRIBED IN THE REFTEL.

2. THE PRG DEL REQUESTS THE TRANSPORT OF A TOTAL OF 37 "REPRESENTATIVES AND LIAISON OFFICERS" FROM SAIGON TO SEVEN POINTS, ONE IN EACH REGION, AND THE RETURN OF A TOTAL OF 35 "CADRE AND LIAISON OFFICERS" FROM THESE SITES TO SAIGON. AFTER FIVE TO SEVEN DAYS OF LIAISON, THE FLIGHTS WILL BE REPEATED IN REVERSE.

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3. THE PRG DEL NOTE MAKES NO MENTION OF THESE FLIGHTS GOING VIA THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS SITES, BUT SIMPLY DESCRIBES, IN GENERAL TERMS, SEVEN PICK-UP ZONES IN "PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS" IN EACH REGION. DESPITE THE OMISSION OF THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS SITES, NGHIA INSISTED TO EMBOFF THAT GVN DEL WOULD REQUIRE FLIGHTS TO BE COORDINATED AT REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

4. EACH FLIGHT IS REQUESTED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN ONE DAY, IF POSSIBLE, NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS IF DELAYS ARISE. THE PRG DEL WANTED THE FLIGHTS TO REGIONS I, II AND III TO BEGIN AT 0700 HOURS (LOCAL) JUNE 29 AND THOSE TO THE OTHER REGIONS AT 0700 HOURS JULY 1. NGHIA EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GVN DEL COULD NOT MEET THAT SCHEDULE.

5. THE NOTE FROM THE PRG DEL ENDED WITH A DISCUSSION OF THE MODALITIES FOR ISSUING SAFETY ASSURANCES FOR THE FLIGHTS. NGHIA TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE GVN DEL PROPOSED TO DISCUSS THESE, THE TIMING OF THE FLIGHTS AND THE NEED TO GO VIA THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS SITES AT THE JUNE 30 SESSION OF THE DEPLOYMENT SUB-COMMISSION. HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE MOVEMENTS WOULD BEGIN ABOUT MID-WEEK.

6. COLONEL NGHIA INFORMED EMBOFF 1 JULY THAT PRG DEL HAD ACCEPTED STIPULATION THAT MOVEMENT OF LIAISON PERSONNEL MUST GO THROUGH THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS SITES. FLIGHTS TO HUE (5 PRG REPS), DA NANG (3 PRG REPS), AND PLEIKU (3 PRG REPS) ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF JULY 2. COLONEL NGHIA SAID THAT FLIGHTS TO THE OTHER FOUR REGIONS WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL CLARIFICATION CAN BE REACHED ON THE PRG-DESIGNATED PICK-UP ZONES. WHITEHOUSE

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